

# Photo Feature



Photos by Airman 1st Class Brian Hill, 8thFW/PA

Above: Airman 1st Class Chris Jackson, 8th Security Forces Squadron, fires blanks from an M-60 rifle at the Resource Augmentation Duty trainees. The course is held once a month to train security forces augmentees in air base defense.



Right: Staff Sergeants Kelly Wampler and Ryan Bond, 8th Comptroller Squadron, take cover under the direction of Senior Airman Joshua Kendall, 8th Security Forces Squadron.

## New Wolf Pack airmen practice defending the base

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In an effort to make a first-term airman’s transition from basic military training to a mission-oriented environment smooth, First Term Airmen Centers have been established throughout the Air Force.

First-term airmen assigned to Kunsan Air Base are required to attend FTAC upon arrival. The 10-day course includes three days of in-processing and seven additional days of training and consists of all necessary training a new airman stationed at Kunsan needs.

“We try to schedule the training all new airman receive upon arrival at their first assignment,” said Tech Sgt. Russell Seder, 8th Fighter Wing FTAC NCO in charge. “They attend classes on military equal opportunity, alcohol and drug awareness treatment and prevention, core values, self-aid and buddy care, and many other important issues.”

In addition to the standard courses required by Air Force Instruction 36-2252, *First Term Airmen Center*, the FTAC at Kunsan also includes resource augmentation duty (READY) forces training.

“READY forces training was incorporated into the curriculum to get new warriors ready to support the first part of our mission here – defend the base,” said Seder.

FTAC training is held once a month and airmen attending FTAC are encouraged to not make any other appointments during their scheduled training.

“The support that we receive from commanders and supervisors is great. Losing personnel for 10 days out of a one-year remote is tough,” said Maj. John McGarrity, 8th Mission Support Squadron commander. “But with FTAC, commanders and supervisors get troops who have a better feel for the wing’s mission and how they fit in, and the airmen are more productive once they complete the FTAC.”

For more information about FTAC at Kunsan, call Seder at 782-7041.